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OF AN EFFECTIVE UNITED NATIONS
CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL
JUSTICE PROGRAMME
Paris, 21-23 November 1991
Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Organization of work of the Meeting

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed organization of work for the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, annexed to the present note, has been prepared in pursuance of relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate consideration of the agenda items within the time available and in accordance with the conference services available at the meeting site.

2. The resources available to the Meeting permit the holding of two plenary meetings and, as required, two meetings of the Committee of the Whole per day.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 45/108, the Meeting will hold a two-day general debate on items 4 and 5 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.156/1). To plan for the efficient conduct of the two-day general debate, it is proposed that the list of speakers be opened at United Nations Headquarters, Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services, Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services (Room S-2963-I; telephone: 963-5737) on Monday, 4 November 1991, and closed at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 21 November. Following

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* A/CONF.156/1.

past practice, as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements made during the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 300 copies to the Secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

4. In order to review the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (A/CONF.156/2) and to consider any specific proposal with respect to the possible need for a convention or other international instrument to develop the content, structure and dynamics of the programme (agenda item 5), the Meeting may wish to establish a Committee of the Whole, which will start its work in the afternoon of the first day of the session.

5. With regard to the election of officers, namely the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur, based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the Meeting, with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all officers of the Meeting to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.

Annex

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(Paris, 21-23 November 1991)

Plenary

Thursday, 21 November		
a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the Meeting
	Item 2	Election of officers
	Item 3	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (A/CONF.156/1 and A/CONF.156/L.1)
	Item 4	Creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 (general debate) (A/CONF.156/2, A/CONF.156/3, A/CONF.144/28/Rev.1, E/1990/31/Add.1, A/45/629, A/46/363, A/44/6/Rev.1, A/45/6/Rev.1 (Prog. 29) and A/46/6 (Sect. 21))
	Item 5	Possible need for a convention or other international instrument to develop the content, structure and dynamics of the programme, including mechanisms for setting priorities, securing implementation and monitoring the results achieved, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 (general debate) (A/CONF.156/CRP.1 and A/AC.239/CRP.2)
p.m.	Items 4 and 5	Continuation of general debate
Friday, 22 November		
a.m.	Items 4 and 5	Continuation of general debate
p.m.	Items 4 and 5	Conclusion of general debate

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Saturday, 23 November

a.m.	Item 6	Conclusions and recommendations Action on the draft resolution contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group (A/CONF.156/2) and consideration of other draft proposals
p.m.	Item 6	Conclusions and recommendations Action on outstanding draft proposals
	Item 7	Adoption of the report of the Ministerial Meeting Closure of the Meeting

Committee of the Whole

Thursday, 21 November

p.m.	Item 6	Conclusions and recommendations Consideration of draft recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group (A/CONF.156/2)
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Friday, 22 November (continued)

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